

REMARKS

In an Office Action dated June 29, 2005, the Examiner rejected claims 1-6 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication 2003/0086514 (Ginis) in view of U.S. Patent 5,970,088 (Chen). The Ginis document is based on a Provisional application filed June 8, 2001.

Applicant respectfully submits that he invented the subject matter of his invention no later than November 29, 2000. This statement is supported by a Declaration by the inventor and a copy of an e-mail and a "Patent Review - Request for Legal Opinion" both authored by the inventor and dated November 29, 2000, and an Invention Record dated August 8, 2001. (Note that the latter document, dated August 8, 2001, states that the "Initial Application" was dated 11/29/01. This is obviously a mistake and should have been 11/29/00 as stated in the Patent Review - Request for Legal Opinion.

Accordingly, Applicant's attorney respectfully submits that the Applicant's invention predates the filing date of the Ginis reference, and that this reference therefore does not anticipate his claimed invention.

Applicants therefore request that the Examiner reconsider the grounds for the rejection, allow the application including all six claims, and pass the application to issue.

If the Examiner feels that a voice or fax communication would help to advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call or fax Applicants' attorney at 630 469-3575.

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Attached:
Declaration by Mr. Carl Posthuma (with attachments)